

NDE Bulletin
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GMS: 2013-2014 “McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Competitive Grant” Available May 15, 2013

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The 2012-2013 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Competitive grant application will be available in the Grants Management System on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 and will be due by midnight, July 1, 2013.



NCLB Non Qualified Report in NSSRS Validation for 2012-2013

Contact: Pat Madsen, Adult Program Services, 402.471.4863

The NCLB Non-Qualified Report will be available to your district/system via the Portal after your student grades template data is uploaded. The student grades data, plus teacher certification, the EECA assessment, and/or HOUSSE approval are used to determine if a teacher teaching a course is NCLB Qualified in the required areas: English, Reading and Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Foreign Languages, Civics and Government, Economics, Art, Music, History, and Geography, Elementary, and Special Education PAC 1161 and 1162. The report will be updated nightly.

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act set forth the goal that general education and special education public school teachers would be 100% NCLB Qualified in core academic areas. New-to-the-profession elementary and special education teachers at the elementary level of instruction (or new-to-the-profession teachers at the elementary level of instruction) must pass the EECA (Elementary Education: Curriculum and Instruction Assessment) in order to be considered NCLB Qualified in Nebraska.

The HOUSSE form, instructions, and contact information can be found at:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title%20II.html#NCLBTeacherForms>

HOUSSE applications received by June 14, 2013 will be reflected in the 2012-13 SOSR school data. Any requests for changes after June 30, 2013 will have to submit the Request to Submit Data Late or Make Data Changes in the CDC (Consolidated Data Collection) process.



Student Unique Identifier (Uniq-ID)

Contact: Jill Aurand (402-471-3321 or jill.aurand@nebraska.gov)

A change has been made to the Student Unique Identifier (Uniq-ID) in the NDE Portal. The system will now accept HP (Prekindergarten Less Than 6 hours) and HK (Kindergarten Half Day). Please note that when using the advanced search to search for students in Prekindergarten or Kindergarten, you may need to search both the Full Day and the Half Day grade level designation.



New validation Error #528 in the NSSRS Validations Website

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ERROR #	TITLE	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	TEMPLATE(S)
528	Student coded as 02 Redesignated English Fluent Two Years or Less, but has had designation for more than two years.	ERROR	Any redesignated student for more than two years must be coded as 03 Redesignated as English Fluent More than Two Years.	LEP/IMMIGRANT	STUDENT



2012-2013 Staff Reporting Updates to Salary Data closing May 17th

Contact: Kathy Heskett (402-471-4738 or kathy.heskett@nebraska.gov)

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The Upload Staging File Records option in the 2012-2013 Staff Reporting has now been enabled for those districts that need to update the Salary Data. It is strongly suggested that if districts want to use this option to first use the Download Staging File Records option and update the Staff Demographics file and then use the Upload Staging File Records option. **REMEMBER – BOTH THE STAFF DEMOGRAPHICS FILE AND THE STAFF POSITION ASSIGNMENT FILE WILL NEED TO BE DOWNLOADED AND RE-UPLOADED (Staff Demographics file first, followed by the Position Assignment file).** The same processes will apply. All records should be “green” to show as complete. Reprocess Staff errors should be run in NSSRS Validation and Staff Verification Reports should be checked. If data is extracted from your system to be uploaded, you will wipe out the data submitted previously. Be sure to include all staff that served your district in 2012-2013.



Dashboard Pilot District Application due June 15, 2013

Contact: Marilyn Peterson (402-471-4483) or Marilyn.peterson@nebraska.gov

The Nebraska Department of Education is inviting districts to apply to pilot the new dashboard being developed through the 2012 Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) Research and Data Analysis Grant. Nebraska has entered into a license agreement with the Ed-Fi Alliance which is providing a suite of tools and sample dashboards. Districts are needed to adapt the Ed-Fi system to meet Nebraska’s needs and will use their own data to assist in assembling the system. Information on Ed-Fi can be found at www.Ed-Fi.org. The application is attached. Interested districts need to apply by June 15, 2013.



Perkins Programs of Study (POS) – District Offered Courses Extracted from

NSSRS

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Pursuant to the memo released on 05/02/2012, the Nebraska Department of Education has extracted district offered Program of Study course sequences from the Student Grades template of the Nebraska Student and Staff Records System (NSSRS). A listing of Programs of Study offered by school for the 2011-2012 school year are now available for review under the “Resources” section of the Secondary Perkins Accountability webpage.

Specifically, two reports are available for review. The first report extracts from the 2011-2012 Student Grades template district offered Programs of Study using the *initial* (old) State Model Programs of Study (POS) course sequences. The second report extracts from the same data – the 2011-2012 Student Grades data – district offered Programs of Study (POS) using the *revised* (new) State Model Programs of Study (POS) course sequences.

All districts are encouraged to review this information for accuracy. In the coming days, this information will be displayed on the 2011-2012 State of the Schools Report (SOSR) website.



ESEA/NCLB Requests for Reimbursement

Contact: Diane Stuehmer – (402-471-1740 or diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov)

If your district / ESU has not yet submitted any requests for reimbursement for the 2012-13 school year for ESEA/NCLB programs, we encourage you to do so soon. When all funds have been expended for a particular program, the request can be submitted as a “Final.”

NDE encourages districts to submit requests for reimbursement on a regular basis. This may not be the same for every district. Some may choose to submit quarterly, while others opt to submit monthly requests. It is advisable to submit requests for reimbursement more than once a year. Districts / ESUs have the option of submitting separate requests for salaries / benefits, and another for other expenditures. Providing appropriate documentation will speed up the review process.

The following expenditure items **always** require supporting documentation.

- Credit card purchases
- Travel expenditures require adequate documentation
- Purchases of food must be specific and allowable under program guidelines
- Petty cash purchases
- Reimbursement to individuals
- Allowable field trips must include the educational value



Substitute Teachers in the Consolidated Data Collection – Due June 14, 2013

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Needs to be completed by ESUs, Public, Nonpublic, State Operated and Interim Programs.

Prior to May 6th, 2013, **only 34 school districts or systems** have submitted any data for Substitute Teachers in the Consolidated Data Collection. That means **452 districts/systems have only 36 days** to complete and submit this report. **June 14, 2013 is the Due Date.**

If you are a school that has always waited on submitting this data, this data must be submitted before your school leaves at the end of the current school year!

This data collection will permit you to upload/enter data regarding substitute teachers that have already been employed during the 2012-13 school year and receive feedback on any data errors or potential violations by your school if the individual does not currently hold a valid Nebraska certificate. By uploading/entering data now, your school will have sufficient time to correct any errors or potential violations to ensure that any substitute teachers hold a valid Nebraska certificate before the data collection closes on June 14, 2013.



State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Calendar for 2013

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The following provides the dates when data and decisions will be available for review in the 2013

SOSR Preview prior to public release. Once the Report Card is released to the public, the data will not be changed so it is important for districts to review their data. The 2013 SOSR Preview will be available through the NDE Portal. Note, the Nebraska Performance Accountability System (NePAS) will be released to the public in August without graduation component. Graduation rates and ranking will not be added until November in order to include students who graduate over the summer.

Date	Activity
April 29, 2013	NeSA Writing results released to districts in eDirect
May 24, 2013	NeSA Writing results released to public
July 10, 2013	NeSA Reading, Math and Science results released to districts in eDirect
July 12, 2013	2013 SOSR Preview Opens with data from End-of-Year NSSRS reports
August 13, 2013	NeSA Reading, Math and Science results released to public (district and school level data only)
August 13, 2013	Preliminary AYP results on the 2013 SOSR Preview for 30 day review
August 13, 2013	NeSA Reading, Math and Science results (disaggregated) on 2013 SOSR Preview
August 27, 2013	NePAS in 2013 SOSR Preview without graduation data or ranking
Sept. 13, 2013	AYP results final on 2013 SOSR Preview
Sept. 18, 2013	PLAS review begins on 2013 SOSR Preview
Sept. 27, 2013	SOSR 2013 released to the public
October 4, 2013	PLAS list added to the SOSR 2013 Report Card
Nov. 15, 2013	NePAS released with Graduation data and ranking, Drop-out data added to SOSR



NeSA-RMS Key Dates

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Assessment data are being prepared for release to school districts and to the public. Schedule below:

Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website <http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html>

NeSA-Reading, Math, Science	
NeSA-Reading, Mathematics, and Science Testing Window	March 25 – May 3
Last Day for UPS to Pick Up R, M, S Test Materials From Districts	May 8
NeSA WebEx on Reporting R, M, S	July 1, 2 and 9
NeSA-R, M, S reports available to districts on eDIRECT	July 10
NeSA Reading, Math, and Science School and District Results released to public. Subgroup information remains embargoed until the release of the State of the Schools Report	August 13

NeSA-Writing	
Districts accessed writing reports	April 29
NeSA-Writing Score verifications due at NDE	May 13
District Preview of NeSA -Writing Results before Public Release	May 13-May 17
NeSA-Writing School and District results released to the public. Subgroup information remains embargoed until the release of the State of the Schools Report	May 24

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We have added an RSS feed that users can subscribe to. Don't forget that the current and past NDE Bulletins can always be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. The RSS feature can be found at the above webpage in the upper right hand corner (orange icon). RSS feeds can be used with Outlook and a number of web-based feed readers. At this time we will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

How to contact the NDE Helpdesk

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions. All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of these options.

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.
2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov
3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

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